



Written Public Comment

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	<p>LASD gangs have been blatantly harassing + intimidating members of the community including journalists and city council officials without repercussion. Why are we allowing these gangs to patrol our streets and threaten communities of color? Stop Villanueva and his 'cliques'.</p>
Lionel Mares	<p>Dear CoC, The recent events surrounding Sheriff Alejandro Villanueva and his continued personal attacks against the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors and a member of the Civilian Oversight Commission. Sheriff Villanueva got a judge to sign off on a warrant to search the personal belongings of Sheila Kuehl and CoC Commissioner Patricia "Patti" Giggans is concerning. Sheriff Villanueva's behavior is concerning. He like so many politicians have lost all credibility for being unethical. The actions of the LASD and County Board of Supervisors have gotten super partisan and toxic. We need to get rid of the gang-like deputies at the LASD and remove Sheriff Alejandro Villanueva from the LASD. We need to impose stricter and harsher penalties for county employees who engage in social deviance and who break the law. The LASD must be reorganized and restructured. The State Attorney General office must step in and take over the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD). We need transparency and accountability for ALL County employees including the Sheriff's Department. It is a disgrace!</p>
Erick Jason Medal	<p>Item #2. It is time to act! stop the gang banger sheriff Villanueva knew exactly what was going on when they invaded/terrorize Sheila Kuehl and Patti Giggan's houses. This is a gang member organization that has been doing this type of tactics since the 1990's. I have an extensive record with these gangbangers! most or all of my complaints were always about why these gang member deputies acting like they are in a gang! I kept on saying this over and over again! after Rodney King. This gang member Sheriff organization for years followed me on their white and blacks waste of money! targeted me waste of time and resources and harass me waste of public safety minutes even hours because this gang was always around when I did not need them! is like they were my private security! I have been saying since the 90's that their tactics are gang member tactics!!! anything they do illegal is member tactics!! this is why you the commission must act to regulate and evaluate where our public safety money going? Is it to target people? harass people? intimidate people? lie to people? violate constitutional rights? where is our public safety money going? I have a partial answer because we saw the abuse of position, power, and resources! We just like the Centro CSO, BLM, impacted mother by killer cops and so many other organizations out there telling the news telling the politician telling the commission of the misuse of our public safety money to keep our communities and not harm or kill or lie about our communities has to be monitored! we must utilize our tax dollars for public safety only! this the change you need to bring about commission.</p> <p>I know, we know, and everyone knows that this organization is a gang member organization not a public servant organization! We must now notice and rectify the problem by holding all gang member sheriff's accountable for running a public safety organization like a blood and crips gang! We are tired the community; the impacted mothers are tired of the misuse and abuse of all gang member deputies! stand for what we know reform and hold all who are involve accountable. The budget must be closely watch so that it is not spent in anything other than public safety, respecting humanity and life! act now!</p>
not giving you that with how the gangs are in charge within the LASD	<p>when will the public be able to download and p our complaint forms, we should not have to go into a gang clubhouse to request a complaint form. we shouldn't have to justify our complaint to a gang member on why we need one and how it involves. we should be able to mail them or submit them online but we should not be forced to file complaints with gang members directly. there should be an independent office so we can track what is happening to our complaints.</p>
erik	<p>I believe any time there is a risk to our laws being challenged, Deputy gang members, inter-governmental conflicts, infiltration of sectors in government, any time there is reason to believe our system is being exploited the response to that should either be swift, quiet, and fast. Or long, careful, and private.</p> <p>one way yo combat gangs in the deputy sheriffs department is to provide oversight from other states</p>

	with least possible relations and rotate states periodically reporting it to federal agents who then report it to a committee.
Robert Ray	Both Gooden and Tardy spent time at the Compton Station, but neither of them were asked what they witnessed with regard to "Deputy Gangs" while they were assigned to Compton. I think that question needs to be asked.
Robert Ray	Ms. Tardy stated she did a survey of calls for service. Did that survey include Compton Station? Did that survey include both 911 calls and calls that came in on the station phone number? I know for a FACT that not all calls to the Compton station phone are logged. I have called for service, and when I called back for ETA was told no record of my previous call.
Joseph Prosceno	<p>I'm still homeless four years after the LAPD West Traffic Division refused to provide me vital information in regards to the identity of a Hit & Run and Battery Suspect who turned out to be a Film Production Security Guard. The Detective assigned to the case stated, "Get the information yourself". They then obtained an arrest warrant and arrested me at gunpoint after I said that I would do that and come in and forcefully take the information from them given that they were in violation of Penal Codes that prohibit anyone including police from refusing to provide vital information in the case of a hit & run involving physical injury. I later learned that they never arrested nor charged the suspect despite having him go to the station to provide his statement. I had and still have videos of the altercation of him refusing to provide his information and then attacking me and attempting to steal my phone. I lost my dream job, relationship with my family, the possibility of affording an apartment, and all trust in the Police. I was arrested a year later due to still sleeping in my car simply for sleeping in my car, was released the next day, but not before having my car towed. I was also subjected to Solitary Confinement for three days, being placed into a large holding cell alone for over 15 hours, with the air conditioning set to max to accommodate 12+ people, and being surrounded by the existing Hispanic gang members. Another arrest that resulted tht is a domino effect result of this arrest resulted in being placed into a smaller holding cell, built to hold approximately 8-10 people, with 15+ people immediately after showering, with no ventilation and 2/2 cameras removed, including one from the external hallway. This resulted in an unsurvivable humidity environment where other men in the cell began to pass out, the window completely fogged up, and I had to desperately bang on the door to have them open the food slot, which then the other men desperately crowded around for fresh air.</p> <p>In summation, my experience includes a blatant refusal by LAPD Detectives to provide information in an attempt to protect a security guard, being unwillingly placed into Solitary Confinement, and two in-jail assassination attempts via hypothermic shock induced cardiac arrest and humidity induced asphyxiation.</p>
Robert	Let Sheriff Villanueva manage his Department. We have hundreds of gangs in LA county blatantly committing crimes and killing. I think the focus should be more directed on that. Those deputies are doing their job. Support law enforcement and get out of the anti-police culture.
	JUSTICE FOR ANTHONY VARGAS SAY HIS NAME
Jackie Pacheco	LA should focus on prosecuting criminal street gangs victimizing innocent and hard working citizens, not deputies who work short staffed to protect citizens.
Israel Garcia	Waste of time Max step down
Andrew James White	FYI...e.g...recognition for new D.O.J. jail/prison stats...i.e.:(maintain and minimize): Question posed: 1. ...?... what's up Hollywood...?... Regards, A.J. White
Ron	Sandy Jo MacArthur presented useful and insightful information for changing the direction of police agencies. Essentially, she advocates focused and energized top leadership (as was change agent William Bratton), lesser or no time deputies spend in jail as they were trained to patrol, and rotating deputies out of stations after 5 years (some deputies in Compton have stayed up to 12 or more years but for deputies such as retired Rafer Owens that was a good thing for the city), the idea of an inspection/audit unit (I recommended and Sheriff Lee Baca adopted an internal audit unit some time back. The unit, albeit non-functional, still appears on the LASD org chart), and MacArthur emphasized the importance of key personnel such as sergeants and lieutenants.

She says, “we are doing a service to the justice system.” In the case of Compton, police are to service the residents per their \$24.5 million contract. What’s absent from Dr. MacArthur’s presentation is that, like social workers and nurses, police are public servants there to serve communities. She never mentioned a role for the community. She never speaks about how communities differ and have different service needs. This is where LASD is a “complete failure” using their one size fits all approach. The city of Compton’s non-progressive leadership aids and abets this failure by not holding LASD accountable.

Compton has never accessed the kind and quality of policing services that it needs. To do so means a serious discussion with its residents which may be long-term and ongoing. Should services delivered in Compton be the same as those rendered in Palos Verdes? Cerritos? Or Lakewood? NO. A serious assessment would then dictate the kind of services specifically tailored for Compton. For example, Compton has a serious problem with dumping, illegal cannabis dispensaries, and street shutdowns. Residents often complain about the quality-of-life issues that routinely go unaddressed. Many residents admit feeling unsafe and unwilling to shop locally because of those feelings. The allegations that rogue deputies run Compton’s sheriff’s station, and have for years, only increase those feelings. Compton is ground zero for deputy “cliques” yet the city’s leadership does not address the problem.

Dr. MacArthur’s presentation is excellent but for places like Compton, Willowbrook, and Rosewood, does not go deep enough. Compton for example has sacrificed other services such as Recreation to pay for so-called law enforcement. Senior and youth services have been curtailed in favor of unaccountable sheriff services. Maybe Compton should take a page from West Hollywood’s playbook and forgo two or three deputy positions in order to provide basic community services since there appears to be little objectively verifiable return on the LASD investment.

Moreover, LASD is in a downward spiral and appears unlikely to ever adequately serve the needs of the people of Compton. For the sake of Compton’s public safety, the city must consider its options. For example, since there is no clear-cut organizational reporting relationship between city management and LASD, for accountability, LASD could report to the head of Code Enforcement as identified in the city charter as the Chief of Police. Code Enforcement could develop assessment tools and monitor and regularly report to residents on LASD service deliverables. Compton could require that all policing entities including school police join CALEA.

What’s needed in Compton and probably for Los Angeles County is Bratton change-agent type leadership. Movies in the parks won’t get there nor will Stetson hat-wearing cowboys.
Compton4COPS & Teen Intervention Program

MJ King

I was too disgusted to give public comment at the hearing today. What is there to say when the Sheriff and undersheriff deny multiple subpoenas; when witnesses inside of LASD are afraid to testify, anonymously & with voice distortion, for fear of retaliation? Although, the deputy claiming fear of losing his promotion; that’s rich. He wants to be a whistle blower, but continue to benefit from the corruption in the dept. “I am part of a corrupt system, but let me keep my coins.” As long as he collects his promotion he doesn’t care about the community members intimidated, harassed, and murdered by his colleagues. That’s the problem with white supremacy, those of us benefiting from it continue to prop it up.

When the Sheriff will raid a Supervisor & Civilian Oversight Committee members home in retaliation for calling for transparency in his department, when the Sheriff sends deputies to surveil and intimidate Sheriff Deputies who testify in front of the Oversight commission- what are doing to protect our community members who have been telling you this week after week? When will we protect our community members from the Sheriff and his deputies who harass and intimidate them when they speak out after their loved ones lives are stolen by LA Sheriff deputies; when they’re followed, when they’re harassed, when they’re put in danger by the LASD?

The families shouldn’t have to stand in front of you pleading for protection; the trauma of recounting their story each and every time.

Not only did I fall asleep during MacArthur’s drawn out presentation, but we shouldn’t exactly be taking

best practices from LAPD. How many people has LAPD killed this year? 27. Last weekend LAPD murdered a kid who called them for help. On Tuesday's Police Commission meeting Chief Moore acknowledged that LAPD has shot 27 so far this year, an increase from 25 last year, with a 4 year average just over 22. It's not a stretch to say that we shouldn't be looking to LAPD for tips when trying to address misconduct and reduce killings by LASD.

OIR Genako suggested that it would be unlikely to change the culture with seasoned deputies but that it would potentially be possible to change the culture with new deputies. How do you expect new deputies to change the culture of the old guard while working under them? Why do you think they are joining LASD, the current Sheriff advertises the dept as the old Wild West..

Tell the BoS to stop increasing LASD funding. In February the board approved \$1.3 million for an armored vehicle for LASD. They haven't done enough damage with the weapons they already have? LASD can't figure out how to stop killing our community members, what do they need a tank for? So that they can wage an all out war on our communities?! What are they going to do with a tank? Patrol East LA with it? Does a tank need to show up in front of the Vargas family home for you to do something to protect them? With a \$3.6 billion budget... surely they can find room in their current budget to fund such frivolities.

LA County lawyers just recommended an \$8 million settlement for the parents of 18 year old Andres Guardado, murdered by a sheriff's deputy prospective Executioner gang member in 2020. (A small piece of the \$86 million a year taxpayers spend in settlements for LASD misconduct.) When LASD has to finance their own misconduct, will they change? Tell the BoS to stop approving LASD budget increases & stop funding LASD misconduct; it's an insult to taxpayers. Why reward LASD for bad behavior? Textbook kindercare negative reinforcement. When is enough, enough?

Lionel Mares	Dear CoC, The recent events surrounding Sheriff Alejandro Villanueva and his continued personal attacks against the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors and a member of the Civilian Oversight Commission. Sheriff Villanueva got a judge to sign off on a warrant to search the personal belongings of Sheila Kuehl and CoC Commissioner Patricia "Patti" Giggans is concerning. Sheriff Villanueva's behavior is concerning. He like so many politicians have lost all credibility for being unethical.
Ernest Moore	Deputy gangs are just part of the problem. There is corruption in the Sheriff Deputies that work in the LA Superior courts Stanley Mosk Courthouse. They are protecting criminal judges in the Probate department. Judge Ana Maria Luna & Judge Brenda Penny need to go to jail. I demanded to make a citizens arrest of these judges with the Sheriff's deputies at the Stanly Mosk Courthouse, but they refuse to accept my arrest and will not take a crime report. Inspector General has done nothing!
Anthony Robles	End Sheriff's gangs. LASD is murderous and racist. Sheriff and undersheriff are gang members, hostile, and uncontrollable rogues who have no right to be working for the public with their unpredictable and violent behavior.
Steve hill	i was arrested by the DOJ at the request of the lasd.....i still have not been informed with any documentation from the LASD as to exactly of power .I want my day in court.
Del Vona Murphy	If there are or were Deputy Gangs within the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department then why aren't or weren't the Sheriff's in Los Angeles County and Counties nationwide able to defend themselves and their colleagues, their agencies and the law abiding public from civilians that have victimized all of the above since 2018 and in 2020 killing an entire county of law enforcement and eventually expanded to include state and federal law enforcement?
Desiree Robledo	In response to the research question, police corruption has multifaceted forms and can overlap with criminal conduct, misconduct, and theft. There are a variety of typologies that are useful to frame practices that constitute police corruption. The causes of police corruption include

discretion, the absence of managers, superiors concealing malfeasance, low wages (resulting in bribery and extortion), high opportunities and low-risk penalties, noble cause motives,

Jacqueline Venters	It's time to hold ALL deputies accountable for All their illegal activities/ crimes they have committed against civilians. Let them know they're not above the law. Start with Deputy Gonzalo Inzunza, who shot my son 5 times in the back. The Sheriff is breaking the law right now, he's been served subpoenas, he refused to show up. Arrest him!!!
Ron Snow	LASD is involved in human trafficking, extortion, blackmail, identity theft, obstruction of justice & treason. Deputies from Pico Rivera kidnapped me, stole my identity, falsified records, submitted falsified evidence to the Downey court. They continue to harass me and refuse to allow me to take legal action against them. They attempted to blackmail me to gain access to the AP Moller Maersk production database.
Patrick Miller	Please follow up on the 2020 killing of Andres Guardado by alleged members of the Compton Executioners gang.
Lorraine Campos	Sheriffs department - actions always speak louder than words.
Ron Dowell	The definition of gangs need to expand to include Proud Boys, Three Percenters, and Oath Keepers terrorists. All are likely present within LASD. We want none working in the Compton station.
Andrew White	What's up Hollywood!!!?!!!
Jeanet Moltke	Which independent groups have investigated the deputy gangs within LASD and provided non biased information for this presentation?
Steve Hill	Who polices the police? DO SOMETHING!!
Yvette Crayon	Why? have the gang members registered on gang files across all counties not participated in a survey? The results from these individuals and the community will provide a guide for issues addressed in n